MESOSCALE DISCUSSION 1550 NWS STORM PREDICTION CENTER NORMAN OK 1132 AM CDT MON JUL 23 2012

AREAS AFFECTED...NERN PA INTO MUCH OF NY...VT...WRN MA/CT

CONCERNING...SEVERE POTENTIAL...WATCH POSSIBLE

VALID 231632Z - 231800Z

PROBABILITY OF WATCH ISSUANCE...60 PERCENT

SUMMARY...STORMS SHOULD INCREASE IN COVERAGE THROUGH THE AFTERNOON...WITH LOCALIZED SEVERE WIND AND HAIL.

DISCUSSION...VISIBLE IMAGERY SHOWS CU INCREASING ACROSS THE ENTIRE REGION...WHERE STRONG HEATING WAS OCCURRING. MUCH OF THE CU WAS FOCUSED WITHIN A BROAD SURFACE TROUGH EXTENDING FROM CNTRL NY INTO CNTRL/ERN PA. MODIFIED MORNING SOUNDINGS INDICATE CIN HAS BEEN DIMINISHED AND MUCAPE ON THE ORDER OF 2500 J/KG EXISTS WITH DECENT PARCEL ACCELERATION THROUGH THE PROFILE. SHEAR PROFILES ARE CURRENTLY WEAK...BUT THE DEGREE OF MOISTURE AND INSTABILITY...AS WELL AS MARGINAL SHEAR...SUGGEST THAT A FEW STORMS MAY BECOME SEVERE...WITH LOCALLY SEVERE WIND GUSTS AS WELL AS MARGINAL HAIL.

..JEWELL/HART.. 07/23/2012

ATTN...WFO...BOX...BTV...OKX...ALY...PHI...BGM...BUF...CTP...